

Senate Resolution 14 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14

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1 A Resolution recognizing the work of the Rebuild Iowa
2 Office during and after the disastrous tornadoes,
3 storms, and floods which occurred in 2008.

4 WHEREAS, the Rebuild Iowa Office was originally
5 established by Executive Order in 2008 and was formally
6 established as a temporary state agency with the
7 enactment of House File 64 on February 2, 2009; and

8 WHEREAS, the office staff have ably addressed their
9 designated responsibilities, including:

10 1. Establishing and pursuing short-term priorities
11 for recovery and long-term plans for redevelopment.

12 2. Establishing federal and state goals for
13 recovery and rebuilding efforts and coordinating such
14 efforts among governmental entities to implement these
15 goals.

16 3. Identifying funding sources and innovative
17 financing alternatives to adequately fund recovery and
18 redevelopment.

19 4. Assisting in establishing guidelines for the
20 disbursing of federal moneys.

21 5. Establishing goals, benchmarks, and objectives
22 by which progress in disaster recovery and long-term
23 reconstruction can be measured, including housing,
24 economic recovery, infrastructure investment,
25 floodplain and watershed management, and expediency of

1 funding distribution.

2 6. Providing a means for members of the
3 general public, the business community, nonprofit
4 organizations, communities, and other stakeholders to
5 have input regarding the recovery process.

6 7. Providing state and local government with
7 guidance for long-term recovery and redevelopment after
8 a disaster.

9 8. Submitting written quarterly reports to the
10 Governor and the General Assembly.

11 9. Submitting a written report to the Governor and
12 the General Assembly identifying for consideration
13 transition issues for disaster recovery assistance due
14 to the elimination of the office as of June 30, 2011,
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the office worked directly with affected
17 communities to help them envision and achieve long-term
18 recovery goals following disasters; and

19 WHEREAS, the office helped establish local voluntary
20 agencies and worked with existing local voluntary
21 organizations to support disaster recovery case
22 management efforts for affected citizens across this
23 state; and

24 WHEREAS, the office advocated for legislative and
25 policy changes at the state and federal level to better
26 position Iowa for future major disaster recovery and
27 mitigation efforts; and

28 WHEREAS, the office served as a statewide
29 clearinghouse for disaster recovery information, and
30 documented federal, state, and local lessons learned

1 from Iowa's recovery; and

2 WHEREAS, the office developed a state framework for
3 use in future long-term disaster recovery efforts; NOW
4 THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
6 recognizes and acknowledges the work of the Rebuild
7 Iowa Office; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate invites the
9 citizens of Iowa, and its state agencies and partners,
10 to continue to promote the goals of the office so that
11 the state and its citizens are as prepared as possible
12 for future disasters, recovery, and mitigation efforts.